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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 10th April 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the Food Situation for the week ending 10th April 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report, 256 carts of ragi, 34 carts of paddy and 453 bags of horse gram came into the bazaar as against 280 carts of ragi, 10 carts of paddy and 150 bags of horse gram in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 74 to Rs. 82 per cart during the week against Rs. 75 to Rs. 82 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers to buy.

The Municipal Depot and the three Test Depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor The importers are also selling rice to the public at their Depots.

Mysore City.—There is no change in the situation.

Bangalore District.—During the week there was a little rainfall in the taluks of Dodballapur, Magadi, Hoskote and Kankanhalli, ranging from 8 to 35 cents. A shower or two is wanted to help in the preparation of ground for the next season.

Vaisakhi paddy is in good condition, and sugar-cane planting is going on.

The markets are being fairly well supplied. Ragi is selling at 7 to 8½ seers, and local rice at 3½ to 4 seers a rupee. Burma rice is available at all the important stations and is being sold at 4¼ to 4¾ seers a rupee.

Mysore District.—No change. Showers of rain have been pretty general all over the district, except French Rocks and Krishnarajpete.

Tumkur District.—There is no change in the situation, nor in the prices of the staple food grains. Demand for Burma rice continues as before and it is being sold at 4½ seers a rupee in all Government Depots. There is sufficient stock in all the depots.

Kolar District.—The demand for Burma rice continues to be slack and is decreasing in some parts. Reports are being received from the Amildars that further supply of rice to their depots is not required for the present.

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Hassan District.—Santhes were generally well supplied with food grains.
Standing crops, such as *Kar* paddy and sugar-cane are in a good condition.
Prices of food grains still continue to be high.
Prospects are generally good for the present.
Shimoga District.—There is no change in the situation.
Kadur District.—The markets in this district were supplied with sufficient food stuffs except Kadur. The Amildar of Kadur, reports that the supply of local rice was not sufficient to meet the demand of the public, with the result that the demand for Burma rice increased.
The prices of food stuffs continue to be the same, *i.e.*, they are high as usual.
There seems to be a sprinkling of showers in the taluks of Kadur and Koppa.
Chitaldrug District.—There is no change during the week under report. Prices of food grains continue to be still high. At the Chitaldrug *santhe* rice was sold at $3\frac{1}{2}$—$3\frac{3}{4}$, seers a rupee and ragi at $10\frac{1}{2}$—11 seers a rupee.
Burma rice is being sold in the Depots at Davangere, Harihar, Holalkere, Hosdruga and Molakalmuru and by the Co-operative Societies at Ramagiri, Jagalur, Harihar and Holalkere.
General (By Food Controller).—There is no material change in the situation. The markets are well supplied. The prices of ragi, jola, horse gram and paddy are fairly steady, but show a downward tendency. Mysore rice is coming more freely into the market than before.
Owing to the removal of inter-provincial restrictions merchants have begun to import rice without control from the Madras Presidency.
The grain market in the Bangalore City continues to be dull.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Land Acquisition Regulation.

READ—

Letter No. C. 2884—Gl. 19-20, dated the 22nd January 1920, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, stating that, when occupied lands are acquired by Government for public works, such as Government buildings, tanks, channels, roads, etc., the estimates for the works do not take into account, the loss resulting to Government by the abatement of land revenue on such lands, and requesting orders as to whether in such cases the capitalized value of the loss of revenue should not be included in the calculation of the cost of the works so as to give a correct idea thereof.

ORDER No. R. 12137-97—L. R. 292-19-2, DATED 17TH APRIL 1920.

Under Rule XI of the Rules under the Land Acquisition Regulation, a municipality or other local body, or company, on behalf of which any land is acquired, is liable to pay the assessment of such land or a lump sum in commutation of the liability to pay the assessment and in the case of lands acquired on behalf of any Department of Government, the assessment thereof is merely written off the accounts. The question for consideration therefore, is whether in respect of lands acquired on behalf of any Department of Government for public works, the Department concerned should not also compensate Government for loss of revenue.

2. Public works for which lands are acquired by Government in any department, may be productive or non-productive. In the case of the former such as, railways, irrigation works, etc., Government consider it reasonable that the capitalized value equal to 25 years' assessment of the occupied land acquired, or of the unoccupied land appropriated for the purpose, should be added to the cost of the works, so that the return to Government from such works may be correctly calculated. In all other cases, it is sufficient if mere abatement of land revenue is allowed as at present.

3. Government are accordingly pleased to direct that the following be substituted for the last sentence in Rule XI of the Rules under the Land Acquisition Regulation, beginning with the word "If" and ending with the word "Government":—

"Provided, however, that when lands are acquired for productive works, such as, railways, irrigation works, etc., or when unoccupied lands are taken up for such works, the capitalized value of the abatement of revenue of such lands, equal to 25 years' assessment shall be charged to the department concerned and included in the estimates for such works."

B. RAMASWAMAIYA,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.
The Secretary to Government for Railways.
The Heads of other Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

Text-book Committee.

READ—

Government Order No. 5466-7—Edn. 115-19-6, dated 24th December 1919, approving of the reconstitution of the Departmental Text-book Committee, with effect from the 1st July 1920, and calling for a revised set of Working Rules of the Committee.

Letter No. H. C. 319, dated 25th February 1920, from the Inspector-General of Education, submitting a draft of revised Rules.

ORDER No. 9777—EDN. 115-19-13, DATED 13TH APRIL 1920.

The rules as finally approved by Government will be published as an appendix to this order.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Secretary to Government,
Departments of Education and Agriculture.

To—The Inspector-General of Education in Mysore.
THE PRESS TABLE.

RULES FOR THE WORKING OF THE TEXT-BOOK COMMITTEE IN MYSORE.

I. The Text-book Committee shall consist of a President and Vice-President and a Secretary, with such number of other members not exceeding 45 as may be appointed by the Government from time to time.

The term of the Committee shall be three years at a time.

II. The Inspector-General of Education in Mysore, Bangalore, the Deputy Inspector-General of Education and the Library Organiser shall respectively be the *ex-officio* President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Text-book Committee.

III. The functions of the Text-book Committee are :—

(1) To recommend suitable text-books for all Lower Secondary and Primary Schools of Mysore.
(2) To indicate how far the existing text-books require revision.
(3) To lay down the lines on which new text-books should be written.
(4) To correct the text and prepare expurgated editions of Kannada and Sanskrit books for the use of the schools and for candidates for Local Examination.
(5) To suggest the text-books for the Local Examinations both in language and other subjects.
(6) To select and recommend books for prizes and libraries.
(7) To review books offered by authors for patronage.

IV. The Text-book Committee will usually conduct its business through the following 10 subject Sub-Committees, each of which shall deal with its particular branch of work :—

1. English Sub-Committee.
2. Sanskrit do
3. Tamil and Telugu Sub-Committee.
4. Mathematics Sub-Committee.
5. History and Geography Sub-Committee.
6. Kannada Sub-Committee.
7. Hindustani, Persian and Arabic Sub-Committee.
8. Science Sub-Committee.
9. Methods of Teaching Sub-Committee.
10. Religious, Moral and Civic Education Sub-Committee.

V. The Chairman of the different Sub-Committees shall be appointed at the first meeting of the term of the Text-book Committee or in the case of *interim* vacancies, by the President of the Text-book Committee, whenever such *interim* vacancies occur.

VI. The President shall have the power to form Special Committees whenever necessary, and these may include persons who are not members of the Text-book Committee.

VII. The number of the members on each Standing Sub-Committee or Special Committee shall be fixed by the President according to necessity.

VIII. The quorum for the Text-book Committee shall be 10, and for the Sub-Committees, one-third the number of members on each, provided that the quorum shall never be less than 3, and that any fraction exceeding half left after dividing the total number of members on any particular Sub-Committee is regarded as one.

IX. Ordinary meetings of the Text-book Committee shall be held at least once a year in the month of September and at such other times that the President may order to be convened or on the written requisition of not less than one-third the number of the members of the Text-book Committee and such requisitions shall state the nature of the business to be transacted. At the special meetings of the Text-book Committee convened on the written requisition of not less than one-third the number of members of the Text-book Committee, only the business of which due notice may have been given shall be transacted.

X. All meetings of the Sub-Committees shall be convened by the Secretary according to the exigencies of business and in consultation with the Chairmen concerned.

XI. All questions to be discussed at a meeting of the Text-book Committee or of any of the Sub-Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes. On a call by any member present at a meeting supported by the majority of the members present at the meeting, voting on any proposition shall be taken by ballot, in all other cases voting shall be by show of hands.

XII. Notice of a meeting of the Text-book Committee with the preliminary agenda shall be given to the members at least twenty-five clear days before the meeting is called for. Any member wishing to move subjects for discussion shall give notice of such motions at least fifteen clear days before the date of such meeting. Final agenda will be issued seven clear days before the meeting is held.

Notice of Sub-Committee Meetings shall be sent to the members thereof at least three clear days before the date of such meetings.

XIII. The Chairman of each Sub-Committee shall obtain the opinion of at least two members of that Sub-Committee on any book referred to it by the Text-book Committee and forward the opinions with his own to the Secretary within two months after the date on which the book is received by him.

XVI. No book sent for review shall be kept by any Sub-Committee for more than two months and by any individual for more than a fortnight.

XV. It shall be the duty of the Secretary (*a*) to give notice of the meetings of the Text-book Committee and of the Sub-Committees as provided for in Rules XIII (*b*) to circulate along with the notice of the annual meeting, printed copies of the reports of the Text-book Committee and of its Sub-Committees and the proceedings of the Special Committees, (*c*) to attend the meetings, (*d*) and keep record of the proceedings. If he is unavoidably absent, a record of the proceedings shall be kept by the Chairman of the meeting.

XVI. No member having any financial interest in the discussion of any particular subject shall be present during such discussion but he shall have the right of submitting beforehand, a full written statement of his views regarding the subject to be discussed which shall be taken into consideration.

XVII. The annual report of the Text-book Committee shall embody an account of the work of each Sub-Committee, give lists of books reviewed by each Sub-Committee with brief abstract of reviews on the important books and state how the question of patronage to each of the books reviewed has been disposed of.

Grant of Grain Compensation Allowance.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 100-149—G. F. 5-18-1, dated the 9th July 1918, sanctioning rules for the grant of grain compensation as per scale given in Article 72, Civil Account Code, Volume I, ragi being considered as the staple food grain and the taluk the unit.

2. Government Order No. Fl. 2047-96—G. F. 5-18-29, dated the 23rd October 1918, sanctioning rules for the grant of compensation for dearness irrespective of the price of any particular grain or commodity in the two cities of Bangalore and Mysore.

ORDER NO. FL. 7440-89—G. F. 5-19-17, DATED 17TH APRIL 1920.

In accordance with the orders read above, the grant of grain compensation allowance is sanctioned for the month of April 1920, to the employees in the two cities of Bangalore and Mysore and to those in the several taluks in the State as noted in Annexures A and B, appended to this order and as indicated below :—

(*a*) To the employees in the taluks in Annexure A, the allowance will be at the following rates :—

(i) To those drawing a pay exceeding Rs. 16, but not exceeding Rs. 30 per mensem, Rs. 2 per mensem.

(ii) To those drawing a pay not exceeding Rs. 16 per mensem, Re. 1.

(iii) When the pay is less than Rs. 5 per mensem, the extra allowance will be increased so as to bring up the aggregate pay and allowance to Rs. 6 per mensem.

(*b*) To the employees in the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore and the taluks in Annexure B, the above allowance, will be raised to Rs. 3 and Rs. 1-8-0,

respectively, and the aggregate pay and allowance of servants on less than Rs. 15 per mensem brought up to Rs. 6-8-0 per mensem.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

To—The Comptroller, Mysore Government.
The other Secretaries to Government.
The other Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
PRESS TABLE.

ANNEXURE A.

(1) Shimoga District.
(i) Honnali Taluk.
(ii) Kumsi Sub-Taluk.
(2) Kadur District.
(i) Tarikere Taluk.
(3) Chitaldrug District.
(i) Chitaldrug Taluk.
(ii) Holalkere Taluk.
(iii) Jagalur Taluk.

ANNEXURE B.

I. Bangalore City.
II. Mysore City.
III. All the taluks and sub-taluks in the State except those mentioned in Annexure A.

Grant of Temporary Local Allowance.

READ AGAIN—

Government Order No. Fl. 2333-82—G. F. 94-18-3, dated the 23rd November 1918 sanctioning the grant of a temporary local allowance in addition to Grain Compensation Allowance of one anna in the rupee to all officials whose salary does not exceed Rs. 50, for a period of three months, from 1st November 1918.

Government Order No. Fl. 6839-88—G. F. 3-19-18, dated 26th March 1920, continuing the grant of the said allowance up to the end of March 1920.

ORDER NO. FL. 7527-76—G. F. 3-19, DATED 19TH APRIL 1920.

The grant of the temporary local allowance to all officials whose salary does not exceed Rs. 50 per mensem is further continued to the end of April 1920, subject to the conditions laid down in the first order dated the 23rd November 1918 read in the preamble.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

To—The Comptroller, Mysore Government.
The Other Heads of Departments.
The Other Secretaries to Government.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
PRESS TABLE.

Administration Report of the Electrical Department for 1918-19.

READ—

Letter No. 3552, dated the 11th October 1919, from the Chief Electrical Engineer, submitting the Administration Report of the Electrical Department for the year 1918-19.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. 522—C. P. S., dated the 12th January 1920, from the Comptroller of Mysore, returning the report after verifying the figured statements.

ORDER NO. E. D. S. 790-4—12A, DATED 10TH APRIL 1920.

The modified grant sanctioned for both Capital and Revenue expenditure stood at Rs. 7,54,500 and Rs. 10,51,350, respectively. The expenditure incurred during the year 1818-19 amounted to Rs. 16,98,561 as shown below :—

	Rs.
1. Capital Account—	
Capital outlay	3,78,579
2. Revenue Expenses—	
(*a*) Working expenses	9,89,010
(*b*) Depreciation charges	3,30,963
Total ...	16,98,561

A sum of Rs. 14,000 was separately allotted for repairing and maintaining the Telephone lines in the State. The expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 14,951. A further sum of Rs. 11,394 was incurred for extending them. The total excess was

Rs. 12,345, and this was due to the fact that no funds were allotted in the Budget to meet the capital outlay.

2. In addition to the above items, works aggregating Rs. 1,43,524 in cost, were carried out by the Electrical Department for Government Departments, Municipalities and private consumers. They are treated as contribution works.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

3. The actual expenditure under this head was Rs. 3,78,579 against the sanctioned grant of Rs. 7,54,500, resulting in a lapse of Rs. 3,75,921.

In the report under review, the Chief Electrical Engineer has included a sum of Rs. 2,50,000, which was ordered to be written back from the IV Installation works to the Depreciation Fund and thus reduces the lapse to Rs. 1,25,921.

The Comptroller too has accepted that the lapse is only Rs. 1,25,921.

The materials ordered for the remodelling of the "A" Station, which were received and first taken on to "Stock," could not be utilised on works during the year. There was also delay in completing the works under progress, on account of the difficulty in obtaining materials. The late shipment of machinery, etc., also contributed to the lapse.

4. Items of works accounted for under Capital Expenditure are given in the Chief Electrical Engineer's report attached.

REVENUE EXPENDITURE.

The grant and the outlay under the head stood, respectivcly, at Rs. 10,51,350 and Rs. 13,19,982 as shown hereunder, resulting in an excess of Rs. 2,68,632 :—

Main heads	Modified grant	Outlay	Excess
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Working expenses ...	9,55,350	9,89,019	33,669
2. Charges debitable to depreciation accounts.	96,000	3,30,963	2,34,963
Total ...	10,51,350	13,19,982	2,68,632

The excess was chiefly due to the write-back of a sum of Rs. 2,50,000 to the Depreciation Fund, as per Government Order No. 334-8—C. P. S., dated the 26th April 1916.

This excess was met out of the lapse of Rs. 3,75,921 observed in para 3 above.

The classification of Revenue expenditure of Rs. 13,19,982 under the main sub-heads as compared with the past two years will be as follows :—

Main sub-heads	Revenue expenditure for		
	1918-19	1917-18	1916-17
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Working expenses ...	5,46,207	4,91,324	4,64,602
2. Amount credited to Depreciation Fund.	4,07,175	3,77,182	3,82,529
3. Amount debitable to Suspense Account.	35,637	8,093	—1,10,279
4. Expenditure debitable to Depreciation Fund.	3,30,963	92,551	1,25,824
Total ...	13,19,982	9,69,150	8,62,676

REVENUE.

6. The revenue from the Cauvery Power Electrical Works for the year 1918-19 amounted to Rs. 26,81,559 as against Rs. 27,16,576 during the preceding year.

According to the proportion fixed in Government Order No. Fl. 1681-4—G. F. 217-16-2, dated the 30th August 1919, a sum of Rs. 3,49,030 was credited out of the revenue to the Krishnarajasagara Scheme.

The gross revenue to the credit of the Electrical Power Works was Rs. 23,32,529. After deducting the working expenses and the amount debited to the suspense account, the net revenue from the Cauvery Power Electrical Works was Rs. 23,32,529—5,46,307—35,637, *i.e.*, Rs. 17,50,685 as against Rs. 17,92,194 during 1917-18.

The percentage of net revenue on the total capital outlay for the year under review was 8·4 as against 11·3 during the preceding year.

7. A summary of the financial results of the working of the Electrical Department to the end of 1918-19 is given below :—

			Rs.
Capital outlay to end of 1918-19			120,38,422
Gross earnings from power supply to end of 1918-19	Rs. 314,66,190		
Accumulated interest on Depreciation Fund	10,56,323		
Total		325,22,513	
Working expenses including suspense...	Rs. 60,16,758		
Depreciation Fund ...	46,09,942		
Interest at 4 per cent on Capital Outlay	57,37,024		
Amount credited to K. S. Works from 1916-17 ...	11,43,230	175,06,954	
Net profits for 17 years from 1902-03 ...			150,15,559
Average per year			8,83,268·8
Average up to 1917-18			8,79,579·5

NOTE.—The total amount at the credit of the Depreciation Fund and the total charges debited thereto at the end of 1918-19 were Rs. 46,09,942 and Rs. 6,17,308, respectively.

8. The principal items of works, sanctioned under "Depreciation" and which were in progress, are detailed in pages 20, 21, 22 and 23 of the Report.

9. The number of interior lighting installations in Bangalore and Mysore has been increasing year after year, as may be seen from the statement given below :—

Stations	To end of 1916-17	To end of 1917-18	To end of 1918-19
1. Bangalore City ...	1,162	1,337	1,454
2. Civil and Military Station ...	1,421	1,651	1,818
3. Mysore City	466	569	656
Total ...	3,049	3,557	3,928

A similar increase was noticeable in the number of street lights, as it rose from 3,729 in 1917-18 to 3,848 in 1918-19. Their distribution according to the places served is as follows :—

Bangalore City	1,470
Civil and Military Station	1,038
Mysore City	1,190
Robertsonpet	150
Total ...	3,848

10. At the end of the year under report, there are 134 power installations in all against 112 in the previous year. Of these, 79 were in Bangalore City, 16 in the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, and 39 in the Mysore City.

11. The total quantity of power generated during the year was 102,530,000 units as against 98,087,900 units during the previous year, showing an increase of 4,442,100 units.

GENERAL.

12. The accounts of the IV and V installation works should have been closed during the year.

The following incomplete works should be pushed on to early completion :—

(1) Construction of a second set of cooly blocks.
(2) Chief Operator's Office, and
(3) A third set of 16 cooly blocks at Sivasamudram.

The accounts of the work "Reconstructing the low tension busses at the Kolar Gold Fields" should be closed as early as possible.

Government trust that the new "A" Station, under construction, near the "Race Course," Bangalore, will be completed in all respects in 1919-20.

It is very necessary that the pumping plant at Soldevanahalli should be electrified at a very early date. The Chief Electrical Engineer is requested to see that no further delay occurs in its completion.

13. The gross receipts estimated for the year under report were reduced from Rs. 29,80,000 to Rs. 26,66,000, resulting in a loss of Rs. 3,14,000 on account of fluctuations in exchange.

LIBRARY.

14. The number of books that were in the library at the close of the year 1917-18 was 60
The number of books added during the year under report was ... 29

Total ... 89

The periodicals and journals subscribed for during the year were :—

1. Electrical World.
2. Do Railway Journal.
3. General Electrical Review
4. Engineering News Records.
5. Indian Industries and Power and
6. Electrical Review.

15. It is noted that the plant was maintained in a satisfactory condition.

16. There were 181 interruptions to service as against 191 in the previous year. It is expected that, after the completion of the new low tension busses at the step-down transformer house on the Kolar Gold Fields, the number will be considerably reduced.

17. Government are pleased to record their satisfaction at the successful manner in which the Department was managed by Mr. S. G. Forbes, Chief Electrical Engineer.

To—The Chief Electrical Engineer.
The Chief Secretary to Government.
The Comptroller of Mysore.
The Heads of Departments.
PRESS TABLE.

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Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.